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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 34 04 256 discloses that in electrical household appliances with devices for the input of process parameters, for the control of internal processes, and for the indication of parameters and process faults which should be monitored, the problem arises that the surface on the front side of the household appliance designated for input and indication devices is not sufficiently large when the control is expanded. The invention solves this problem in that the input and indication device 7 is accommodated in a housing 8 stored in a cavity 9 and flush with the front surface of the household appliance in the operating position. Its surface which is visible in the operating position contains only the most essential indicating elements. After the housing has been pulled out from the cavity, further surfaces are visible above and below, and these can contain the input buttons 11 and/or further indicating elements 12,13 which are required only for the input process.

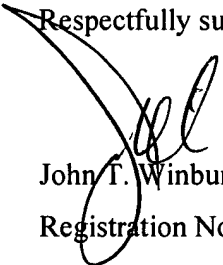
DE 37 08 722 discloses a procedure in which the invention relates to an electronic input-recall unit with display for household cooling equipment, especially for household refrigerating equipment. The object of the invention is to reduce the material expenditure on accessory parts for household cooling equipment substantially. The result is especially the use of one part for several functions. Improved operating comfort results from a special design

and arrangement of the input-recall part, including display, associated with the function of a door handle. The characteristics of the invention consist of the fact that an input-recall unit on the door is arranged in the area of the handle in such a way that it is ergonomically favourable and appropriate for the user. It comprises two handle elements, one for use with right-opening doors and one for use with left-opening doors. A multiposition, seven-segment digital display serves to display the operating conditions of the cooling equipment as required upon request.

DE 11 46 082 English translation not readily available.

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